

Committees Kill Hope of Virginia Redistricting

Two Assembly Groups
Act to Reject Bid for
Reapportionment

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RICHMOND, Mar. 1.—House and Senate committees today killed northern Virginia's chances of obtaining more representation in the General Assembly.

The Privileges and Elections Committee of the State Senate today reported two bills which make virtually no changes in the apportionment of State legislative districts.

Shortly thereafter the corresponding committee of the House voted, 4-6, to kill two bills carrying out a study commission's recommendations.

Only Two State Senators.

At present, Arlington has one State Senator and Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church and Prince William have one. The commission plan called for Arlington to have one Senator, Alexandria to have one and Fairfax and Falls Church, one.

Arlington now has two delegates, Alexandria has one, and there is one for Fairfax and Falls Church. The study commission plan would have given three delegates to Arlington and Falls Church, two to Alexandria and one to Fairfax.

Davis Plea Fruitless.

Before the House committee acted, Delegate Delamater Davis, of Norfolk, delivered a strong plea for the commission plan.

"Since we had our last reapportionment in 1942," he said, "there has been a tremendous shift in population. It has been clearly shown to this committee that some delegates represent 14,000 people while others represent more than 100,000."

"If that is representative government, then we might as well give up and admit we don't live in a democracy."

Except for two or three minor changes in the present legislative apportionment, the bills approved by the Senate Committee would leave existing House and Senate districts untouched.

Strong Appeals Heard.

Delegates Armistead Boothe of Alexandria and J. Maynard Magruder of Arlington appeared before the House committee yesterday and made strong appeals for action. Mr. Boothe warned that the outcome of this year's senatorial campaign and next year's race for Governor might be affected by what action is taken to give the more populous areas added representation in the Assembly.

"I say very bluntly and frankly, as an organization man who comes from an area where it is not always easy to carry the organization torch, it will help us in my area to report the commission's bill," the Alexandria delegate declared.

"It is conceivable that our failure to act may make the difference in winning or losing the senatorial and gubernatorial contests in 1952 and 1953."

Bills Quickly Killed.

In an effort to clear its docket, the committee killed about a dozen bills in little more than five minutes. Two of them were sponsored by Delegate Edwin Lynch of Fairfax.

One Lynch bill would have permitted the holding of presidential preferential primaries, which would not have been binding, but would have determined sentiment.

The other would have prohibited any magisterial district in a county from being more than twice as large as the smallest district. A court-appointed commission now is studying redistricting of Fairfax County magisterial districts, and Mr. Lynch sought to limit the population disparity between them. The committee killed the bill because, one member said, it might affect pending litigation in the Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Baby Is Delivered By Rookie Policeman

A rookie Arlington policeman, already a veteran at delivering babies, officiated at the birth of the daughter of an Air Force sergeant and his wife this morning.

The mother, Mrs. Joan E. Rolfe, 20, of 2502 South Scott street, and her baby were reported doing well late this morning at Fort Belvoir Hospital.

A neighbor, Mrs. Gladys Briscoe, of 2504 South Scott street said the husband called police when an ambulance failed to arrive. She praised Police Officers Leonard Burnett and Walter Kaufman for their prompt response to the call.

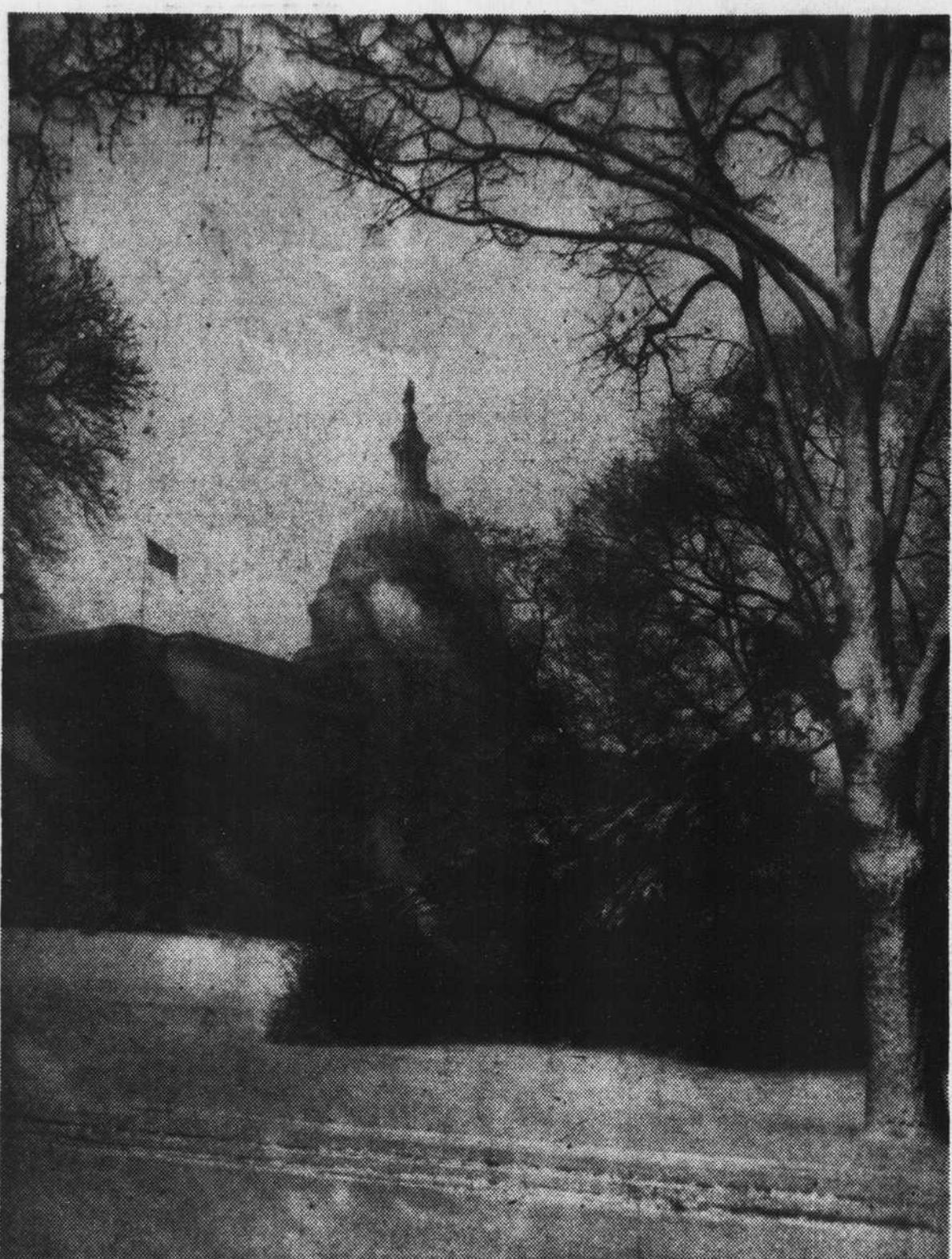
Mr. Burnett, who previously had delivered two babies when he was a pharmacist's mate in the Navy, came in when everybody was "pretty scared," Mrs. Briscoe said, but he reassured everybody and attended the mother until the infant was born, about 5:30 this morning.

Mrs. Rolfe's husband is Sgt. Elmo A. Rolfe, stationed at National Airport. They have one other child, a 16-month-old daughter named Deborah.

St. Thomas Episcopal Plans Hymn Singing

A service of old-fashioned hymn singing will be held at 8 p.m. tomorrow in St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Eighteenth street between P and Q streets N.W.

The Rev. Harold Bend Sedgwick, rector, will conduct the service, which will be the first in a Lenten series.



WINTER'S ARTISTRY—This is what the March lion brought to Washington while most of the city was asleep this morning. The weather portrait was taken on the Capitol grounds. Wet snow, driven by the wind, stuck to the trees.



Early pedestrians slosh through snow churned to slush by automobiles at Fourteenth and F streets N.W. Washington's official snow measurement was 1 inch, but nearby Virginia and Maryland reported up to 3 inches. (Story on Page A-1.)

Lyons Gets 5 Years In Knife Slaying of Brother-in-Law

Charles Edward Lyons, 35, of Presidential Gardens, Alexandria, yesterday was convicted of voluntary manslaughter for the slaying of his brother-in-law and was given a five-year prison term.

Alexandria Corporation Court Judge William P. Woolf reduced the charge from first-degree murder. The victim, Amedeo "Mike" Giuseppe, 37, was stabbed on the sidewalk in front of his restaurant last July 27 shortly after 11 p.m. He died nine hours later in Alexandria Hospital.

Climax to Drinking.

Lyons testified the stabbing climaxed a day of steady drinking. He had gone to his brother-in-law's restaurant, the Vernveth, at 3045 Mount Vernon avenue, Alexandria, to warn Mr. Giuseppe to leave his (Lyons') wife alone, he said.

About a week before the fight, Lyons testified, his wife was struck by the tavern-keeper during a quarrel.

Shortly after the trial opened at 10 a.m. yesterday, Judge Woolf, Commonwealth Attorney Howard W. Smith, Jr., and Defense Attorneys Paul Delaney and Robert Willett visited the scene of the stabbing.

Got Knife From Car.

Lyons said he drank about a half-dozen mixed drinks, most of a half-pint of gin and some beer before visiting the tavern. He was told to leave the tavern by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Giuseppe, shortly after he arrived and demanded to see her husband, he said. He next remembered the owner coming to the door and threatening to "fix him so he wouldn't be back there again."

When he saw Mr. Giuseppe approaching, Lyons said, he ran to his car at the curb and took the butcher knife from the glove compartment. He said he didn't remember striking the fatal blow.

Mrs. Lyons, sister of the slain man, stood in the courtroom during the trial and joined him when the verdict was announced. She had been denied permission to sit with her husband before the bench during the trial.

Arlington Public Service Chief Runs Race With County Growth

After 25 years as an Arlington County employee, Director of Public Service Richard M. Wirt is still hoping the county will stop growing for a year or two so he can catch up on his work.

When he came to work as a draftsman on March 1, 1927, there were 20 other employees in the engineering department and the county's population was about 27,000. Today, Mr. Wirt supervises 500 employees and the county has about 140,000 residents.

Mr. Wirt can look back to the days when there was no Pentagon or Navy Annex and no National Airport. Lee boulevard and Shirley highway had not been built. During the years he has worked for the county, he has seen the total sewer installation rise from 20 miles to 333.

Another Big Problem.

Now that an addition to the sewage treatment plant is under way, he believes the county's biggest problem is installation of storm sewers. A \$1.3 million

Virginia Legion to Discuss Programs for Member

The Virginia Department of the American Legion will hold its annual Legion college for officers and members at Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria tomorrow.

Discussions will be held on the Legion's programs on Americanism, athletics, rehabilitation, child welfare, oratorical contest and Boys' State. Bernard Gollinger, commander of Alexandria Post 24, will preside.

Among those on the program are Miles Kennedy, director of the Legion's national legislative commission; G. E. Heller, national field representative, and W. C. Daniel, Virginia Department commander. A second session of the college will be held April 6 at Pulaski.

Arlington Man Is Held In Conductor's Death

A 43-year-old Arlington man is being held for the grand jury today, after a coroner's inquest into the death of a 67-year-old railroad conductor.

Senate Group Asks McKeldin To Trim Budget

\$2 Million Cut Is Aim;
Lawmakers Slash
Health, Welfare Fund

By the Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Mar. 1.—Maryland's Senate was ready to act today to trim about \$2 million from Gov. McKeldin's \$171 million budget for 1953.

The Senate Finance Committee yesterday voted 7-4 on a system for trimming the Governor's record budget and getting it started toward enactment. They actually trimmed but \$425,000 from appropriations the Governor had approved for the State's various departments and agencies, and asked the Governor by resolution to see that another \$1.5 million is whittled out.

They figured this was 3 per cent of departmental appropriations that can be cut.

About \$46 million in the budget cannot be touched. It includes some of the outlay for schools and the judiciary, for example.

One of the big cuts was \$100,000 taken from the Department of Health for medical services it provides the poor. The original request was \$1,525,000. Another \$100,000 cut was in Welfare Department funds for public assistance payments to the needy.

Budget System Bill.

The Senate passed and sent over to the House four bills of a set designed to give the State a whole new budget system. They were recommended by a commission the Governor appointed to suggest a streamlining of the State's administrative organization.

They require the Governor to submit a "one-package" budget each year—"instead of a dribble of budgets, supplemental budgets, construction bond bills and budget amendments."

They also require State agencies to put a price tag on all their various functions and activities, instead of merely listing how much they need for workers, supplies, materials and equipment.

Senators yesterday crossed party lines in voting to retain the property tax as a support for State bonds. A bill to wipe out the levy was thrown aside, 19-9.

Oyster Leasing Ban.

A proposed one-year ban on private leasing of oyster ground advanced through the House and made progress in the Senate. Delegates voted 86-17 to declare the moratorium beginning June 1. Later the Senate Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries Committee approved a similar measure over the objection of Chairman Sheehan, Democrat, of Talbot, and Senator Adkins, Republican, of Wicomico.

The same committee agreed to abandon, at least for this year, a proposed Maryland-Virginia agreement on control of Potomac River oystering. Senator Sheehan said he also would lay aside a resolution calling for a study of bi-State seafood problems.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to give State troopers a \$300 pay raise. It would add \$75,000 to State police costs, but proponents say Gov. McKeldin could provide it this year from motor vehicle funds.

Delegates also voted to authorize evidence obtained by highway radar boxes in prosecution of speeding cases.

Conversational Bills.

Two of the most argued matters of the session appeared lifeless in committee.

One would restrict 30-day even-odd sessions to fiscal matters. The House okayed it, but Chairman Crothers of the Senate Judiciary Committee referred it to a subcommittee.

Although the study was to produce an amendment permitting emergencies declared acute by the Governor to be taken up at short sessions, the little time remaining in this session gave the bill small chance of survival.

The other faltering proposal would open relief rolls, by one bill simply to inspect and by another to the general public through newspaper publication.

Senate Judiciary committee decided to hold the latter bill to take the lid off rolls for designated officials. The House bill, however, was still resting in that chamber's Judiciary Committee room.

3 Youths Plead Guilty In Bethesda Burglaries

BALTIMORE, Mar. 1.—Three teen-age boys from Chevy Chase, Md., pleaded guilty yesterday in Federal Court on charges growing out of two burglaries of the Bethesda selective service office.

Two of them were given prison terms and the third was placed on probation.

Roger H. Young, 18, of the first block of West Kirk street, whose father is with the diplomatic service in Chile, was sentenced to two years in prison. William Connor, 17, of the 6200 block of Georgia street, whose father is a retired colonel, was given a term of a year and a day.

John M. Conner, 17, of the 200 block of Spring street, son of an investment real estate man in Washington, was put on probation for two years.

Young and William Connor admitted they stole some blank draft cards and three typewriters from the office. John Conner denied any part in the burglaries, but said he was given one of the draft cards.

Prosecutor Frederick J. Green, Jr., said William Connor is wanted by Montgomery County police on a charge of burglarizing a neighbor's home of about \$500 worth of camera equipment.

Mr. Green said Young faces charges of stealing \$130 from a Washington rug cleaning plant. He said Young returned the money after his father found out about the theft.

STATE EDITION Court Test Due on Prosecution Of Gaming Customers in County

The legality of a new Prince Georges County policy of prosecuting the customers as well as the operators of the gambling business apparently will be decided in Circuit Court.

A Circuit Court test of the new procedure was set up yesterday when a Washington man appealed his conviction in Upper Marlboro Police Court on gambling charges in connection with playing a pinball machine.

A \$200 fine was levied by Judge Nita S. Hinman Crane against Ronald B. Payne, a Navy enlisted man who lives in the 4500 block of South Capitol street.

Same Penalties Imposed.

The same penalties were imposed against the proprietor and bartender of Smith's Tavern, 3829 Bladensburg road, Colmar Manor, where Payne was accused of accepting an illegal, over-the-counter pay-off for his skill with the tavern's pinball machine last January 4.

The proprietor is Harry W. Greenfield, 49, of the tavern address; the bartender is Norman E. Lubar, 53, of 629 Fourth street S.W.

Payne and Lubar were convicted of setting up and operating a gaming table and Greenfield was found guilty of permitting gambling. Lubar and Greenfield also appealed to Circuit Court.

March Term Jurors Drawn for Rockville Circuit Court

Jurors for the March term of the Rockville Circuit Court were drawn yesterday. Clayton K. Watkins, clerk of the court, announced Fred L. Lutes, of 12820 Baker drive, Silver Spring, was appointed foreman of the grand jury that will begin considering cases March 17.

Mr. Lutes is president of the Suburban Trust Co. The grand jury will be made up of Mr. Lutes and the first 22 names to be drawn at the opening of the term.

Jurors drawn from the various election districts include: First district, Wilbur R. Burns, Earl Lechlinder, Claudia W. Howard; 2d district, Forrest N. Haney, J. Paul Warfield, Harold F. Hargett; 3d district, Margaret W. Gray, Rebecca E. Donaldson, Edna L. Cubitt, Adam S. Shannon, Charles W. Norris; 4th district, Bruce W. Warring, Laura B. Castel, Le Roy B. Shaw, man, Laura M. Talbot, Dorothy H. McDonald, Irene P. Young, Irene Durbin, James M. Willis, Jr., Albert Dawson Wooten.

Fifth district, Theodore G. Barkman, William E. Thompson, Wilbur H. Youngman, Odorion W. Roby, Mildred G. Edwards, Robert S. McEneny; 6th district, James D. King, J. Upton Leaman, Jr.; 7th district, Dorothy D. O'Brien, Alexander S. Burns, Frank H. Jackson, Jr., Richard C. Shreve, Mason, H. Hopwood, Ludella H. Anderson, J. Ingram Medley, Reginald G. Hainsworth, Edwin L. Stohlman, Carlton L. Saunders, Robert C. Owens, Francis Lee Street; 8th district, T. Calvin Owens, Henrietta R. Chichester, Francis M. Hawkins, Jr.

Ninth district, E. Lee Gartner, Roscoe N. Whipp, William H. Ward, Flora E. Ward; 10th district, Lewis Burley, Jr.; Margaret H. McConnel, Mary R. Hargett; 11th district, Albert D. Easter, Constance C. Hilton, Herman Frye; 12th district, Talmadge L. Watkins, Jess H. Cornor, Alva Thompson; 13th district, William C. Appleby, Bette Ann Crockett, Robert M. Dulin, W. Paul Stall-smith, John J. Geary, Russell Mizell, Benjamin E. Hardesty, Wayne Birdsell, Cornelius W. Willett, Paul M. Lehman, James E. Maynard, Margaret G. Livingston, Louis C. Dismer, Ann M. Amoroso.

Communion Breakfast

The Georgetown University School of Dentistry will hold a Communion Breakfast for students and faculty tomorrow. Mass will be said at 10:30 a.m. in the Hagareh Chapel on the university campus, followed by breakfast in Hagareh dining hall.

University Park Citizens

The University Park (Md.) Citizens' Association will meet at 8 p.m. Monday at the University Park Elementary School.

THIS SUNDAY'S BEST READING

The Sunday Star

THE FLUORIDATION DEBATE—Every one agrees that fluoride compounds in water work in some subtle way to make children's teeth more resistant to decay. But are there hidden disadvantages that would make fluoride undesirable? That is the gist of a debate of interest to all Washingtonians—a debate that is examined in the Editorial Section's front-page leader.

AS GOES MAINE—The magnifying glass is put to one of the most treasured Republican political maxims as Maine goes—or is it? You can find the answer in the editorial section.

AMERICA'S FIRST MOSQUE—The muezzin's call to prayer soon will be heard along Massachusetts avenue N.W. when the Nation's first authentic mosque is opened for Mohammedan religious services. Christie G. Thompson, who visited the mosque recently, reports on it in The Star Pictorial Magazine.

HAVE YOU A LITTLE KID out of your young home?—If not, and you'd like to make a super-Quiz Kid out of your young home, apply the Sids method. Dr. Sarah Sids says an average mind can be turned into a brilliant one. In an article by Howard Van Smith in This Week Magazine, the secret is let out of the bag.

BIG MAN FROM THE SOUTH—Senator Richard Russell of Georgia has announced for Democratic presidential nomination. His decision this week may have far-reaching effects in November. Gould Lincoln examines the man and the issues in an article in the Editorial Section.

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Bill for \$300 Teacher Raise Up to Senate

Maryland House
Approves Measure;
Veto Is Expected

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ANNAPOLIS, Mar. 1.—A bill calling for a \$300-a-year increase in the State teacher salary scale today needed only the Senate's agreement before being sent to the Governor.

The House passed the measure last night by an 80-23 vote, after a series of involved parliamentary maneuvers, during which legislative experts were called to the Speaker's rostrum to explain just what the bill meant.

To listen to the explanations the House recessed and then went into session as a committee of the whole—the first time such action has been taken in the General Assembly in nearly 25 years.

Before taking final action the delegates adopted an amendment chopping \$100 off the \$400 figure contained in the bill when it passed the Senate on Thursday.

To Cost \$5 Million.

They also inserted a clause to raise teachers' automatic annual increases from \$100 a year for 16 years to \$150 a year for 12 years. A separate bill with identical provisions was passed by the House and sent to the Governor two days ago.

Under last night's measure, which would cost the State nearly \$5 million annually, the Governor would be required to provide the necessary funds in his budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953. This budget will be sent down when the Legislature meets next January for 90 days.

A gubernatorial veto is believed almost certain, however, because of Gov. McKeldin's repeated statements that he believes teacher salaries are a local responsibility.

Earlier this session, his veto of a \$300 annual teacher pay raise bill passed last year was sustained. That measure would have been financed by a 1-cent jump in the corporation tax. But last night's bill calls for the necessary money to come out of the State's general funds.

Another Bill Killed.

During the day, the House Education Committee killed another teacher pay raise bill, sponsored by Delegate Robert A. Wallace, Republican, of Montgomery County.

Mr. Wallace also proposed a \$300 increase but wanted to finance it by raising the minimum county tax for schools from 65 to 80 cents.

In an attempt to forestall the committee's unfavorable action, the Montgomery delegate submitted an amendment to increase the minimum county school levy by only 10 cents. But this, too, was turned down.

The 90-minute verbal battle over the teacher pay bill in the House was launched by Delegate William S. James, Democrat, of Harford County, who opposed the measure.

"This legislation leaves to the misty future just where the money is coming from," he asserted. "I believe in good schools and well-paid teachers, but I also believe in sound budgetary practices."

Some to Be Unaffected.

Marvin Oppenel, Delegate Martin Mandel, Democrat, of the 5th Baltimore District, insisted the teachers of his city and many counties would not be affected, because they are already receiving much more than the bill provides.

Proponents, including Delegate S. Fenton Harris, Republican, of Frederick County, contended that "you can't get good teachers without good pay."

Mr. Wallace said some of the bill's provisions were unclear and moved to delay action until Monday night. But he was turned down by a vote of 59 to 45.

At this point, Delegate Charles M. See, Republican, of Albany County asked that the House go into session as a committee of the whole so that the bill could be explained by experts on the matter. But he lost by a voice vote.

A few minutes later, however, he renewed his motion and this time was upheld by a 61-40 vote.

Bill Almost Identical.

The House then invited Dr. Carl Everstine of the State Department of Legislative Reference and Milson Raver, executive secretary of the State Teachers' Association to explain the bill. Both were in the gallery at the time.

They said the only difference between the pending bill and that vetoed by the Governor is that the new measure has no tax provision to pay for the increase.

Mr. Raver, in response to questions, said teachers in about half of Maryland's 23 counties would benefit directly from the bill. In the remaining counties and in Baltimore City, he added, increased State aid would go into local treasuries. He said it would be up to local officials in those counties to decide whether to use the additional State funds for higher teacher salaries.

Among those voting against the bill when the final tally was taken were Montgomery Delegates Wallace, J. Douglas Bradshaw and Julian P. King.

ICC Agent Recommends New Fairfax Bus Route

An Interstate Commerce Commission agent yesterday recommended approval of a new passenger bus route for the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Co. in Fairfax County, Va., the Associated Press reported.

The line proposes to establish the line on Route 649 from Lee boulevard, near Merrifield, along Gallows road to the Falls Church-Annandale road near Annandale. It will serve more than 1,000 new homes built or under construction in the area.